

GAVE POLICE \$275, SAYS PRISONER IN STOLEN CAR CASE

O'Brien, in Whitman's Net, Gives Evidence That May Indict Motor Cops.

10 FORDS AMONG LOOT

Tipped Off by Policeman When Guard Relaxed on Hudson Ferries.

HATCH'S LIFE MENACED

Donor of \$20,000 Check Takes Out \$75,000 Policy Against Assassination.

The man who, under the name of Thomas O'Brien, was arrested on February 12 for bringing a stolen automobile into New York from Newark, and who made a sworn statement of his dealings with members of the Police Department, is regarded as so important to the Whitman graft investigation that Magistrate Mancuso, in the Washington Heights court yesterday, raised his bail from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

His counsel, Alexander Karlin, protested violently. He accused ex-Magistrate Frederick J. Groehl, now acting as one of Mr. Whitman's assistants, and Detective William Reith, assigned to Mr. Whitman from the Police Department, of obtaining the affidavit by getting O'Brien drunk. Karlin said that O'Brien was taken from saloon to saloon for ten hours after the arrest and "piled with liquor by Judge Groehl and his policeman."

"When he signed the affidavit he did not know what he was doing," Karlin shouted. He wanted to have Detective Reith take the stand to be questioned. He asked Groehl if it wasn't true that O'Brien had been taken on a tour of saloons.

"I took the prisoner wherever I thought I could get evidence," Groehl replied. Groehl said that O'Brien voluntarily accompanied Reith and himself to various garages in The Bronx and White Plains to verify a statement that O'Brien

had made to him concerning stolen cars. Groehl then asked a point that contained heavily the affidavit was not made until two days after the arrest, or on February 14, in Mr. Whitman's office. Meanwhile O'Brien had spent two nights and a day in jail. The affidavit was not put into the record, but was shown to Magistrate Mancuso. In order to silence Karlin Groehl said that in the paper O'Brien admitted that he had stolen ten Ford cars since January 1, collaborating with policemen who told him the hours at which one of the Hudson River ferries would not be guarded. The affidavit is signed "Frank Moran," this being O'Brien's real name, Groehl said. The last sentence reads: "All told, I gave the police officers \$275."

It is understood O'Brien told Mr. Whitman that he and three other automobile thieves, two of whom are now in Sing Sing, worked together and were protected by two or three members of the police automobile squad. The cars were brought to New York, stowed away in friendly garages and in due time the policemen "found" them and received rewards from insurance companies. Right after the theft, according to the alleged confession of O'Brien, he received \$100 from a quarter not yet publicly identified, and of this he paid from \$25 to \$50 to the policeman who was steering him.

The car that figures in the charge against O'Brien belongs to the Submarine Boat Corporation. It was stolen on February 12 from in front of the Elks Club in Newark. At 11 o'clock that night, according to the complaint, O'Brien drove it to the Manhattanville garage, 150th street and Old Broadway. Mr. Groehl's witnesses were: Joseph L. Thomas, Lomax, night manager, and Charles Lawrence of the Submarine Boat Corporation.

Attorney Karlin urged that \$10,000 bail was too much, as when the car was new it cost only \$863. After reading the affidavit the Magistrate held the prisoner in \$20,000 bail for the Grand Jury, which meets again on Thursday and may indict two policemen on the strength of O'Brien's story and corroboration obtained by Groehl and Reith.

Edward Hatch, Jr., who about the time the Whitman inquiry started handed Mr. Whitman a certified check for \$20,000 to finance the investigation, in case the Board of Estimate refused to act, said yesterday that he had taken out a \$75,000 insurance policy, the money to be used, in case of his assassination, "to run down graft and grafters."

Mr. Hatch said he had received several letters threatening his life because he had tried to help Mr. Whitman. He did not think he was actually in danger, but felt that the situation demanded the establishment of a trust fund to be used to carry on the exposure of racialism if the anonymous letter writers should make good their threats. The \$20,000 check given to Mr. Whitman by Mr. Hatch was put away in a safe, deposit box. Mr. Whitman intends to return it when the investigation is ended, but Mr. Hatch said yesterday he would decline to receive it. He will recommend, instead, that it be given "to some worthy charity."

Mr. Hatch is chairman of the Merchants Association's Committee on Water Pollution. His father was a partner in the firm of Lord & Taylor.

CELL FOR JERSEY MOTORIST BRINGS REPRISAL THREAT

Affront to State Comity Alleged and Commissioner Dell Warns New York Unless Offending Officials Be Disciplined.

Imprisonment instead of a summons faces New York violators of the motor laws in New Jersey, in reprisal for an "indignity" to a Jersey motorist in this city, according to William S. Dell, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner of New Jersey. He made representations yesterday to Chief Magistrate McAldoo and to Magistrates House and Cobb of the Traffic Court, alleging violation of a long standing agreement between the two States and asked that the guilty offenders be disciplined. He expects, of course, that this will be done, but if not, speedy New Yorkers had better watch their speedometers in Jersey.

Douglas S. Colyer of 230 Grant avenue, Nutley, it develops, left his automobile last Saturday week parked at Broadway and Forty-second street. A policeman, learning he was from New Jersey, insisted on taking him to the West Forty-seventh street station, where he was kept in a cell till friends furnished \$100 bail. Later, he was fined \$2 in Night Court.

That detention of a Jerseyite, instead of handing him a summons, as is done to alleged offenders residing in New York State, violated the reciprocal agreement between the two States, Commissioner Dell contends. He recited in his protest to Chief Magistrate McAldoo how many times his office has revoked the

licenses of Jerseyites convicted of serious motor law violations in New York State. He enclosed an affidavit by Colyer describing what happened to him and requested that the "persons responsible be disciplined or punished." If this is not done, he adds, he has requested all New Jersey police and has instructed all motor vehicle inspectors to arrest and imprison any New York automobilists accused of violating the New Jersey laws.

Chief Magistrate McAldoo had not received the Jersey Commissioner's complaint last night, but anyway, he said, the complaint is misdirected and should have been made to the Police Commissioner. He recalled receiving similar complaints some months ago which he turned over to the Police Department.

"They, while desiring to observe State comity as much as possible, gave satisfaction reasons why they made arrests," he said. "Frequently it was because 'so many cases the Jerseyites have failed to respect their privilege and did not obey the summonses. Mr. Dell had better warn New Jersey motorists to obey New York summonses and ought to 'out the violators in Coventry. Remember, too, a summons is a privilege, not a right. It is a discretionary power lodged with the police, with certain provisions. And it is not material in the Traffic Court whether a person was arrested or handed a summons."

ASSAILS WHITMAN AT BRIDGETTS'S BIER

Father Donnelly Vehement in Praise of Slain Officer and Police Force.

Charles S. Whitman was assailed bitterly and the Police Department defended warmly yesterday by the Rev. Eugene J. Donnelly, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Athanasius in Flatbush, in the course of a funeral service over the body of Detective Sergeant Joseph Bridgett, who was shot and killed last Thursday by Charles T. Davis, a Brooklyn manufacturer.

Without mentioning Mr. Whitman by name, Father Donnelly spoke of "the man who sought and found the rotten District Attorney's office are now investigating the Police Department when they should be investigating themselves." The priest said he had known Bridgett

ten years and found him to be a man of the highest type. More than that, he had observed the work of the police for twenty years and could testify that there was no nobler body of men.

About 150 members of the police department attended the funeral. The course that Father Donnelly's eulogy took was the principal topic of their conversation after the service. Among them were First Deputy Commissioner John A. Leach; Acting Inspector John O'Donlin, head of the Detective Bureau; Borough Inspector Thomas H. Murphy and Inspector Thomas McDonald. There were eighty men in the police escort from Sergeant Bridgett's late residence, 1617 Dehll road.

Many of Bridgett's comrades in the Brooklyn Detective Bureau and the Police Band and Police Glee Club also were present. The Glee Club sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," as the coffin was carried into the church, which is at Bay Parkway and Sixty-second street. Father Donnelly, who is pastor of the church, said a solemn high requiem mass, and then, stepping from the altar to a position near the coffin, launched his fiery eulogy.

The snowdrifts caused delay in starting the procession from the house to the church, and for an hour the members of the escorting party stood in the street at attention. Detective Bridgett's wife, mother and three brothers, with their wives, went to the church.

IS TARTOU FRENCH? A FIGHTING QUERY

Irish Barbers Who Quiz Artist as to Nationality Get Five Days.

BATTLE IN 3D AVENUE

Art Dealer Aids Painter in Mixup With Lynch and O'Connor.

Pierre Tartou of 260 West Fifty-seventh street, internationally known as a portrait painter, appeared yesterday afternoon in the Yorkville police court, with Rene M. Van Lennep, an art dealer, to complain about the conduct of James O'Connor and Patrick Lynch, barbers, of 1331 Third avenue.

According to Mr. Tartou, he and his friend Van Lennep were crossing Third avenue at Fifty-seventh street a few hours before, when O'Connor and Lynch accosted them. The two barbers, said the artist, pointed at him and demanded to know his nationality.

"Are you French?" he quoted them as asking.

"What difference does it make?" he said he asked in turn.

Mr. Tartou said his question started something resembling an argument, and that the argument resolved itself finally into a matter of left and right hooks and jabs. At that instant Policeman Harry Schmidt of the East Fifty-first street station hove into view, grabbed every one and took them around to court.

Chief Magistrate McAldoo, who listened to the stories of all concerned, sent Lynch and O'Connor to the Workhouse for five days each.

Mr. Tartou's companion at the time of the fight was made defendant recently in mysterious action for damages. The artist himself is being sued for separation.

GILPIN IS APPRECIATIVE OF DRAMA LEAGUE INVITATION

Star in "The Emperor Jones," One of Ten Guests of Honor at Dinner, Will Accept as Opportunity to Thank Those Who Put Art Above Color.

Charles F. Gilpin, star in "The Emperor Jones," said last night in his dressing room in the Princess Theatre that he had not yet received his invitation to attend the Drama League's dinner, March 6, at the Hotel McAlpin.

One of the ten guests of honor selected by league members as having done most for the art of the theatre, he indicated that if the invitation reaches him he will accept, primarily to thank the artists who stood by him and protested when it was reported the league had eliminated him because of his color.

"I've no wish to mingle with the members of the Drama League," he said. "In fact, I hardly knew who the Drama League was. I have my own social life among my own circle of friends and I have no wish to hobnob now in another circle. I wish to make my art known not as Charles Gilpin, the black man, but as Charles Gilpin, the artist."

"I have already two previous invitations for that night to dinner, both at

6 o'clock. One is from the League for Individual Freedom, with which such persons as Irvin Cobb, Amelia Bingham, Edgar Selwyn and Lee Koodick are identified. The other is the Civic Club, where I am to be not a guest of honor but the guest of honor and make a speech.

It also may be busy making moving pictures that day. But I certainly will drop around to the Drama League, in order that I may thank personally the artists who were so kind as to attach to my name the name of artist, such as Jacob Ben-Ami and David Belasco."

The others who will be guests of honor with Gilpin are Dudley Digges, in "Heartbreak House"; Glidia Varela, actress and playwright, in "Enter Madame"; David Belasco, producer of "Deburau"; Eugene O'Neill, author of "The Emperor Jones"; Ben-Ami, star of "Samson and Delilah"; Lionel Atwill, star of "Deburau"; Lee Simonson, scenic designer of "Heartbreak House"; Margaret Severn, dancer with masks in "The Greenwich Village Poets"; and Fred Stone, comic star of "Tip Top."

solid food than he has been permitted to eat during the last week.

Persistent rumors and lobby gossip that Caruso's voice had been so impaired that he never would sing again disturbed intimate friends of the singer, who said yesterday that there was nothing in his condition to warrant any such supposition. "At no time during this illness has his voice suffered impairment, they say."

CARUSO IMPROVING; VOICE STILL STRONG

Friends Deny Rumors Illness Will Prevent Singing Again.

Enrico Caruso continued to show satisfactory improvement yesterday, the sixth day since the relapse he suffered last week. The only official bulletin issued by his attending physicians during the day gave assurance that he was improving in "a satisfactory manner."

It also added that "he rests well and is cheerful."

Shortly after 8 o'clock last night Caruso waved his family and Mrs. Stella and Murray out of his room, declaring emphatically that he no longer needed them and wanted only to sleep. During the day he was allowed more

WOUND FATAL TO GIRL

Mrs. Dorothy C. Seltzer Dies in Hospital.

Mrs. Dorothy C. Seltzer, the young woman who was shot Friday by James J. McDonagie of Philadelphia, following a quarrel in her home at 692 West 37th street, died last night in Knickerbocker Hospital. She was 23 years old, a resident of Philadelphia at one time.

The quarrel, it is said, resulted from the woman's refusal to marry McDonagie.

INDICTMENTS OFF IN S. I. WHISKEY RING

Judge Tiernan's Brother and Hugot, a Restaurant Owner, Released.

ACCUSATION DEFECTIVE

Arrest, Connected With Unsolved Murder, Caused Sensation on Island.

William Tiernan, brother of Judge J. Harry Tiernan, and Henry Hugot, restaurant owner, both of Richmond, were released by Judge Garvin in the Federal Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, because the indictments charging them with conspiracy to violate the Volstead law failed to mention any overt act. The arrest of the two, particularly that of Tiernan, caused a sensation on Staten Island. Into the case at the time it developed into an investigation of alleged booze running, last September, was brought the name of Frederick P. Belkert, victim of a still-unsolved murder.

At the time of their arrest Tiernan and Hugot were named by Federal agents as having been connected with a "whiskey ring." It was charged that they had conspired to transport booze. Three barrels of what the agents said was booze, found in Hugot's roadhouse at St. George, were alleged to have been received by him from Tiernan.

Following the completion of the Federal Grand Jury's investigation, indictments were handed up against the restaurant proprietor and Tiernan. Their counsel, Alexander S. Dresser and Abraham Kesselman, succeeded in keeping them from trial until last week, when the jury finally was selected.

Yesterday, when the taking of testimony was to have begun, counsel for the defendants asked that they be released, basing the request on the ground that the indictments were defective. Wallace Collins, Assistant United States Attorney, conferred with his office and then moved for a dismissal.

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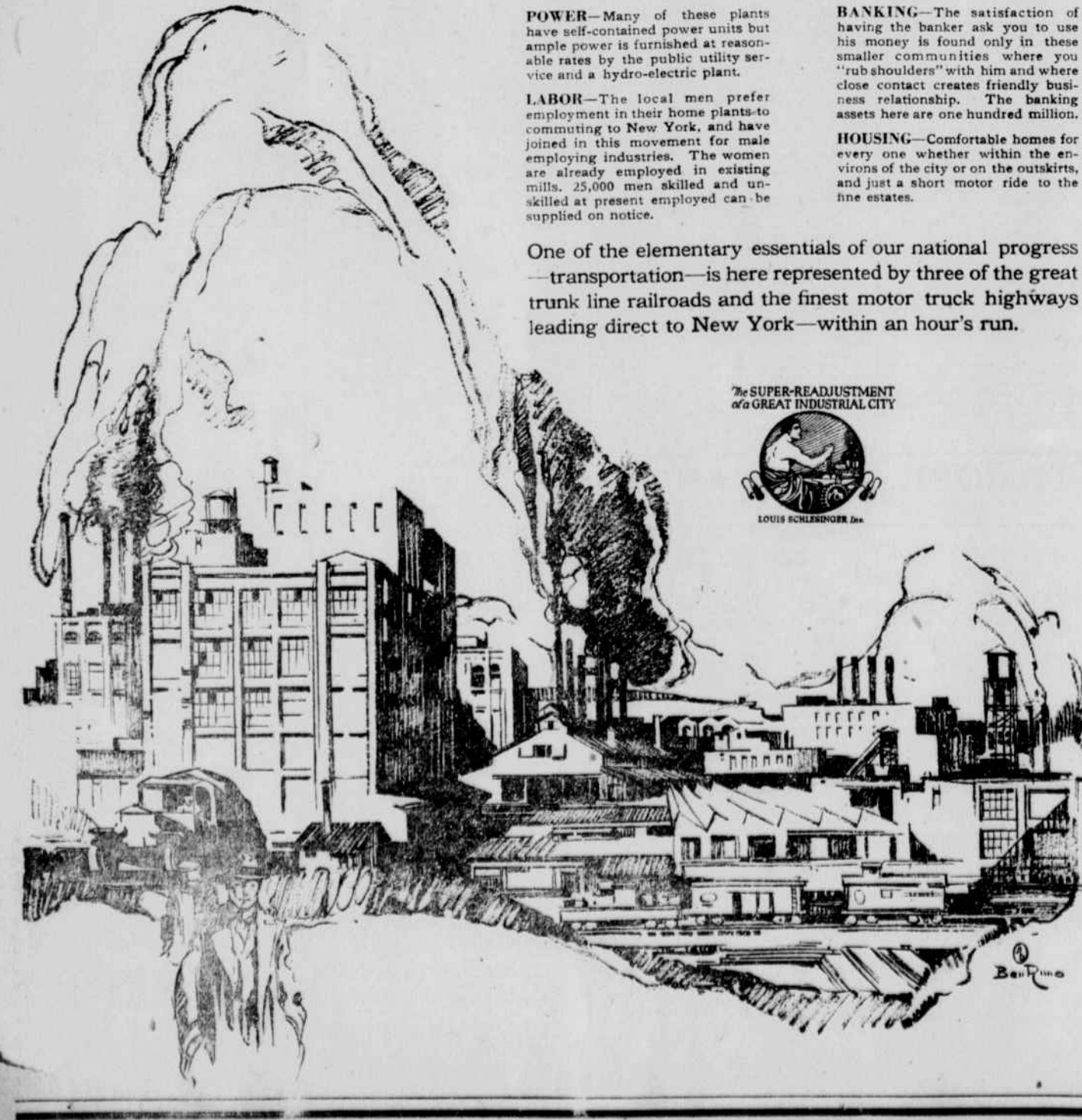
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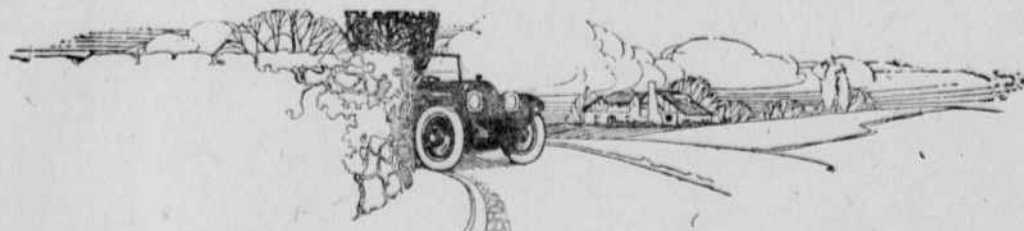
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